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In 2006, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University estimated that of the 1.5 million inmates with substance use disorders in federal, state, and local prisons...



Only 11.2% received any type of professional treatment



including 7.1% treated in a residential facility.



Just 5.2% received professional counseling,



0.2% got medication-assisted treatment such as methadone or naltrexone,

and less than one percent received detoxification services.

Lack of treatment or inadequate treatment for prisoners with substance use disorders continues a cycle of relapse and drug and alcohol-related crimes. Better options could result in emptier prisons and a significant number of healthier, safer citizens.